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SUBJECT: CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 05-337

TO: Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
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Please place this memorandum and the attached documents in the record of CC Docket No. 96-45 and WC Docket No. 05-337.

The attached documents were provided by Commissioner Anne Boyle, Chair, Nebraska Public Service Commission, for consideration in the Commission's proceedings to reform high-cost universal service support: (1) a power point presentation, "The Great Plains: Trends in Rural decline and urban Growth," by Jerry Deichert, Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska at Omaha; (2) maps showing changes in population from 2000-2006 in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas; and (3) tables showing population changes in Nebraska counties from 2000-2005.

If you require any further information, please contact me at (202) 418-7491.
Thank you for your assistance.

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The Great Plains: Trends in Rural Decline and Urban Growth

Jerry Deichert

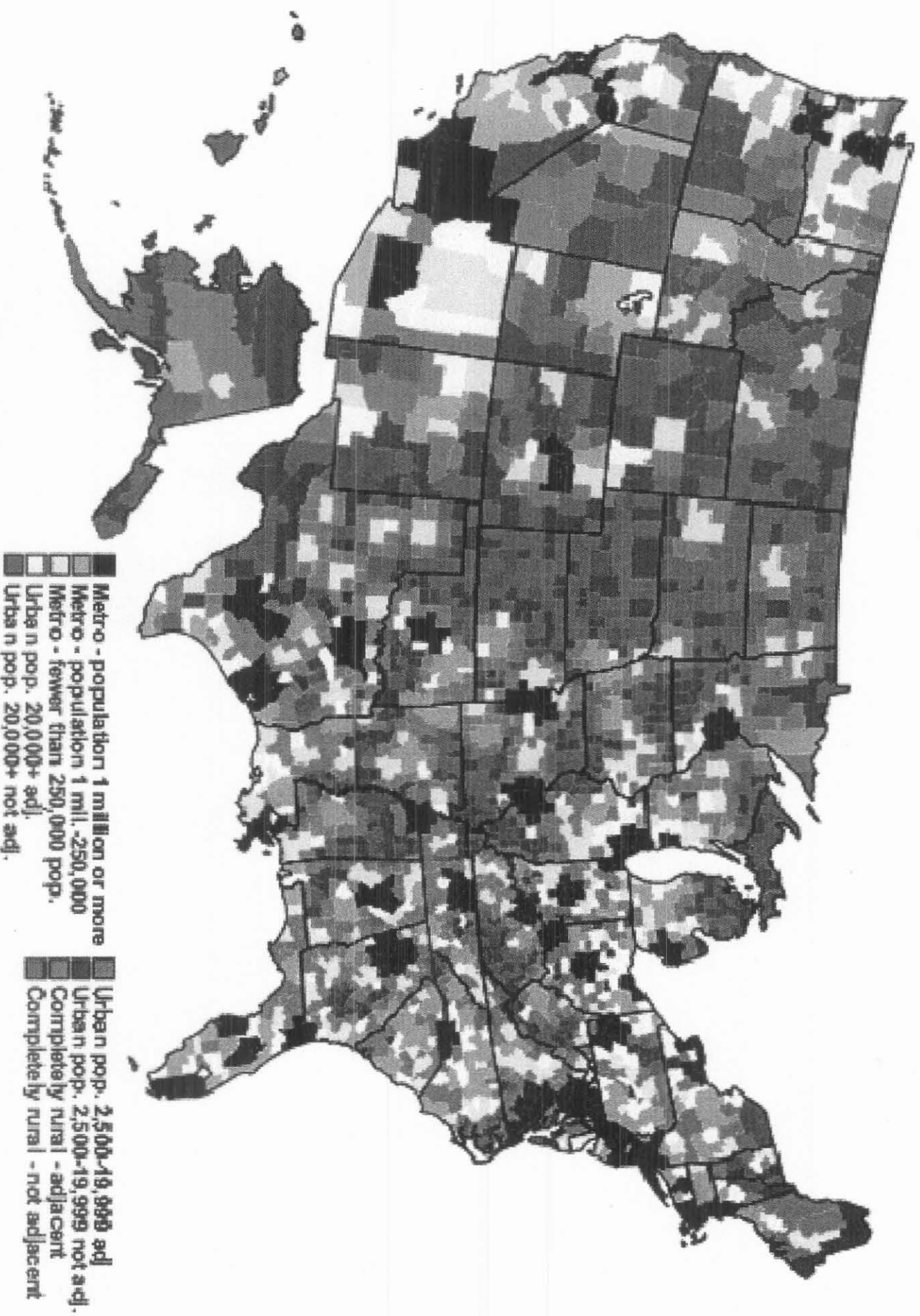
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Overview

- Major Economic Sectors
 - Farming
- Population Change
- Components of Population Change
- Age Structure
- Current Economic Indicators

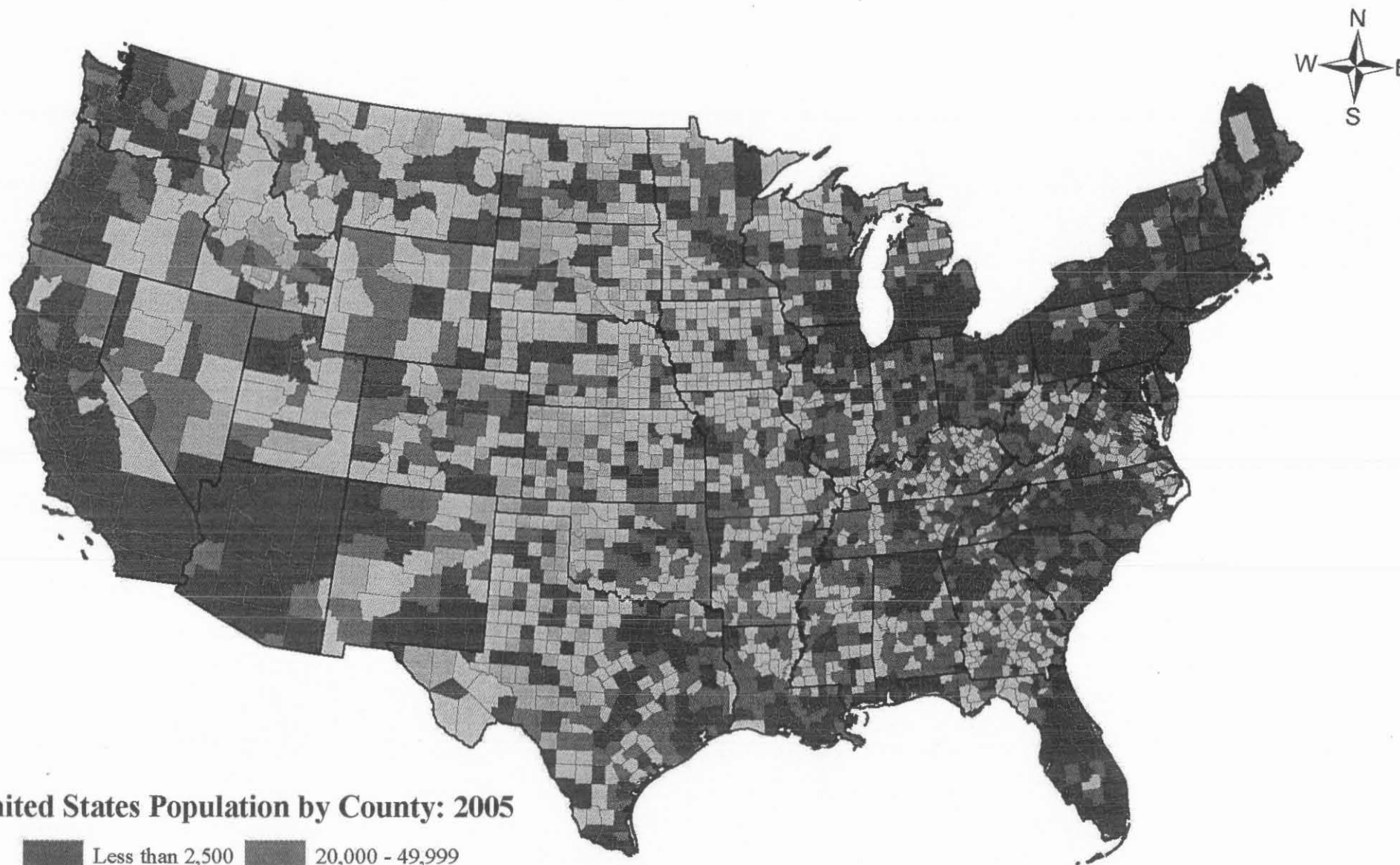


Rural-urban continuum codes, 2003

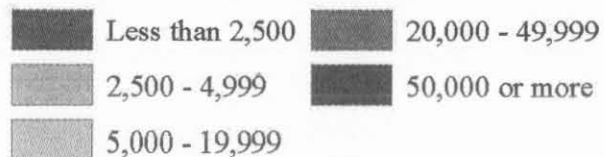


Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

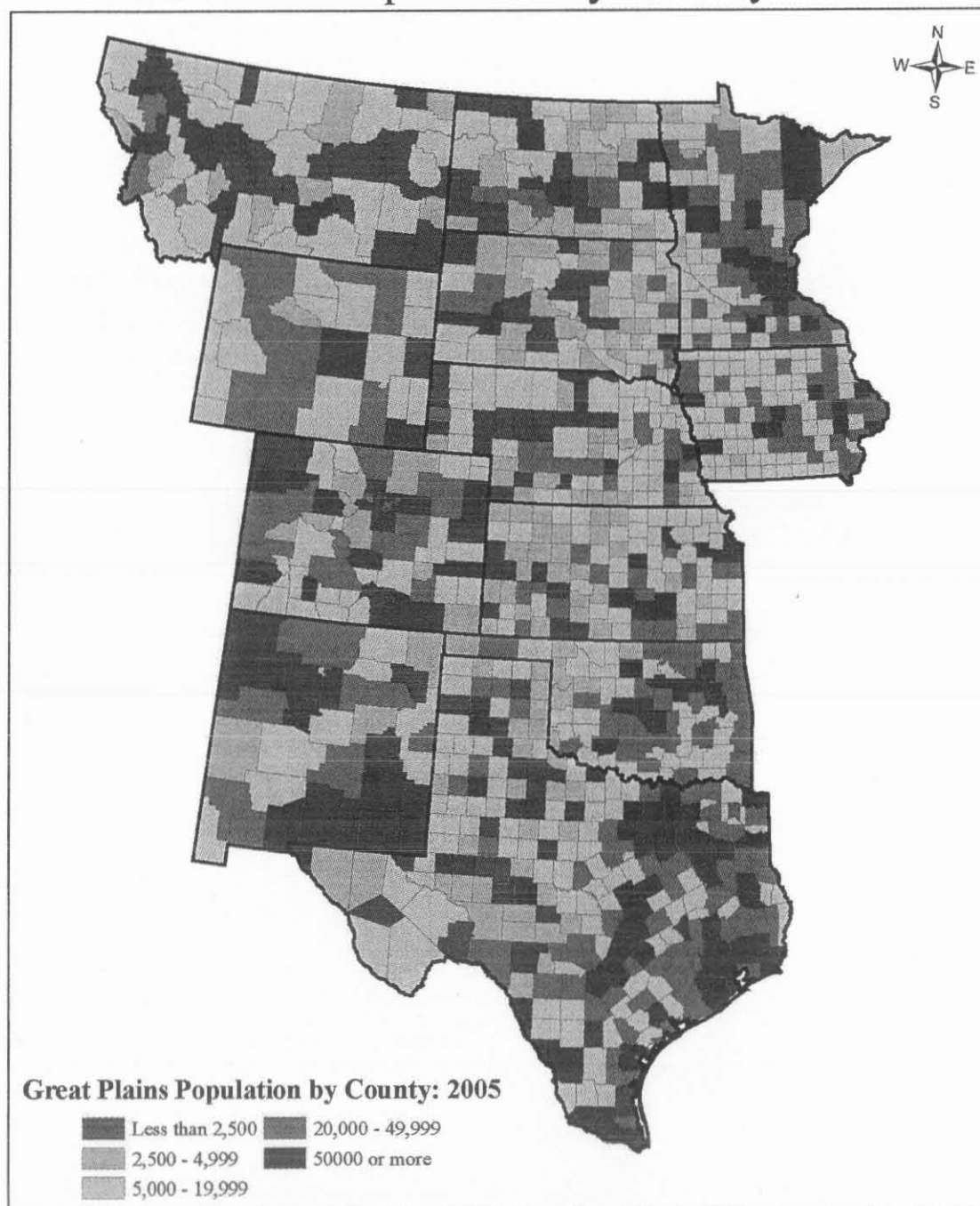
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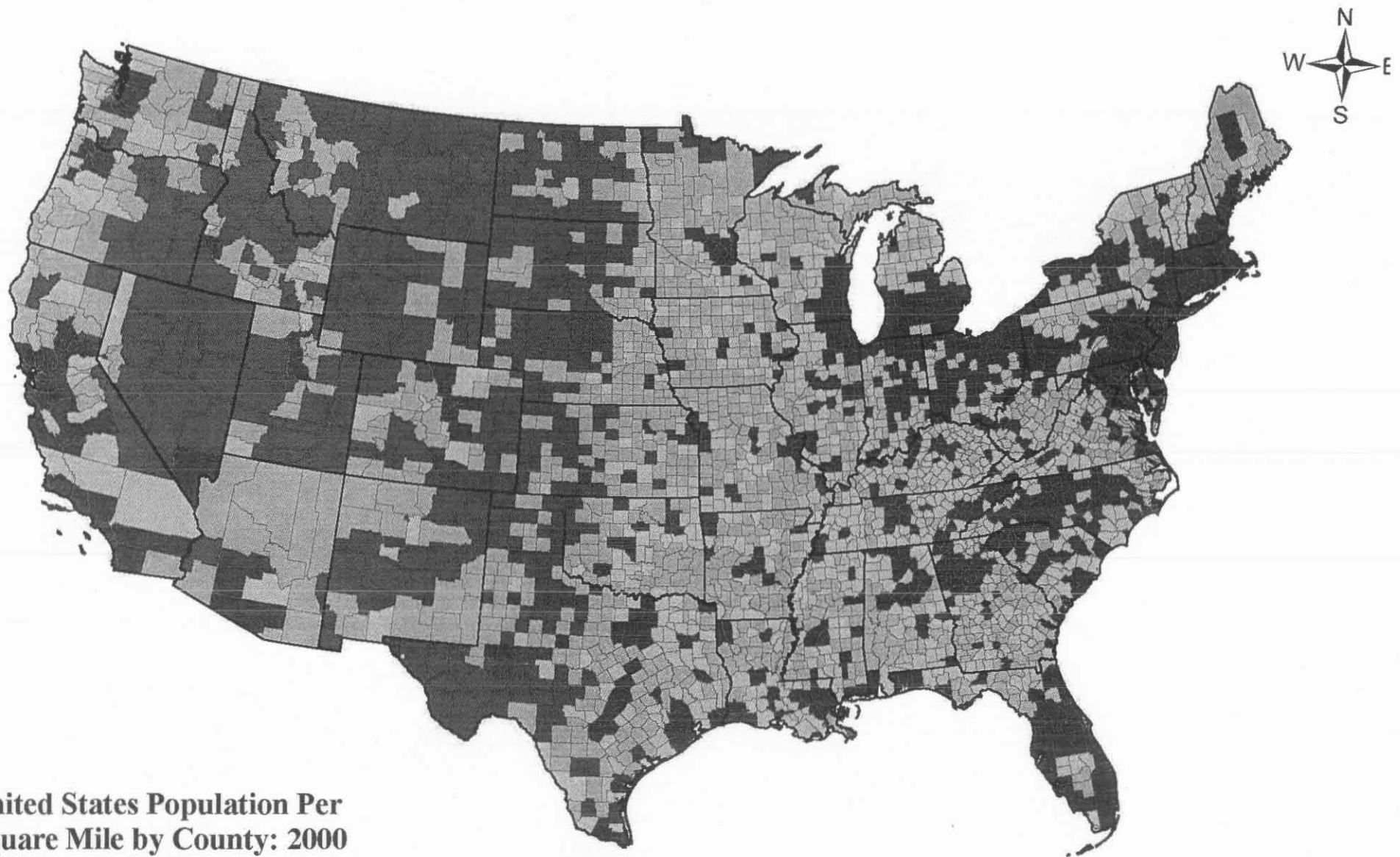


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Source: Annual Estimates U.S. Census Bureau 2005

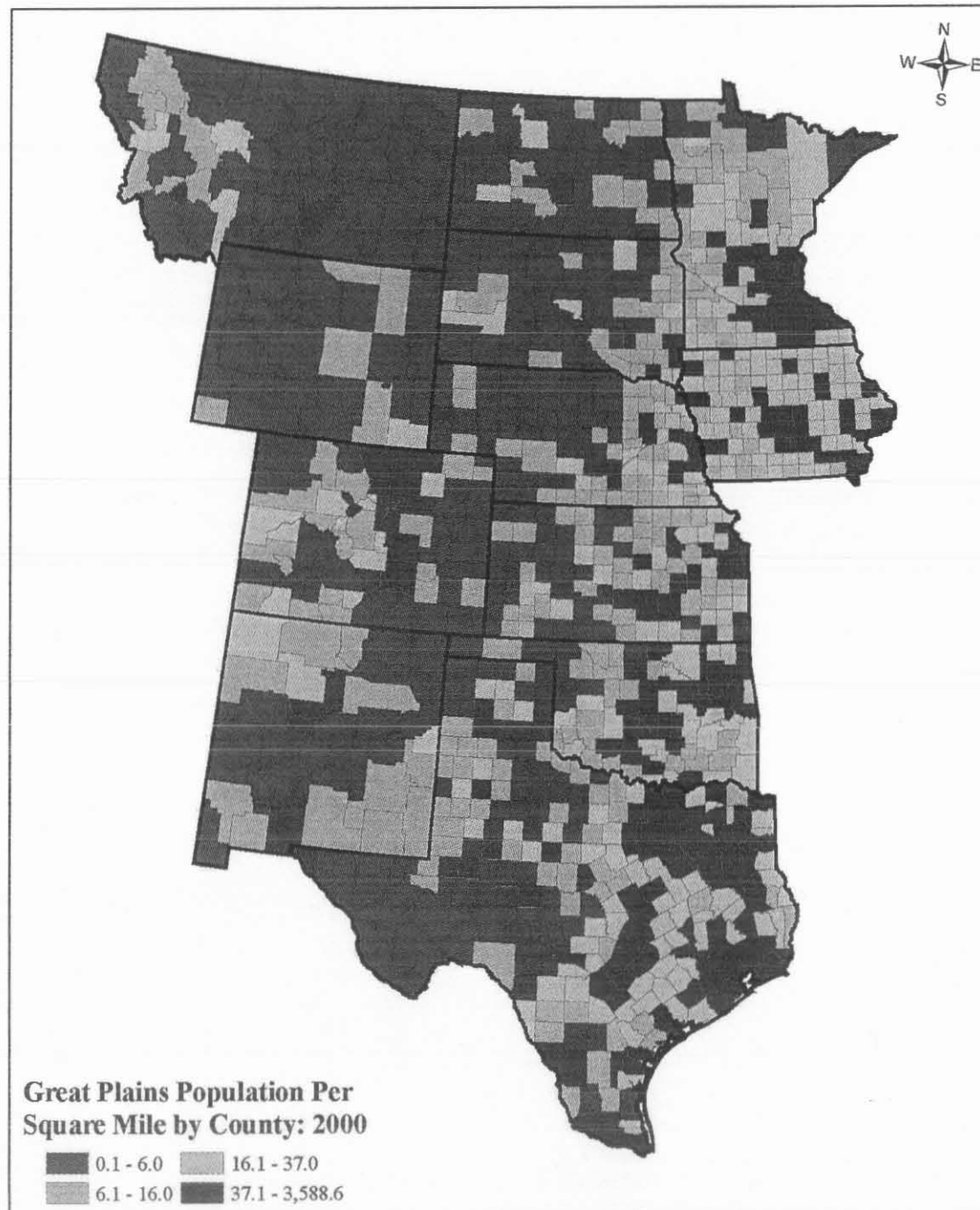
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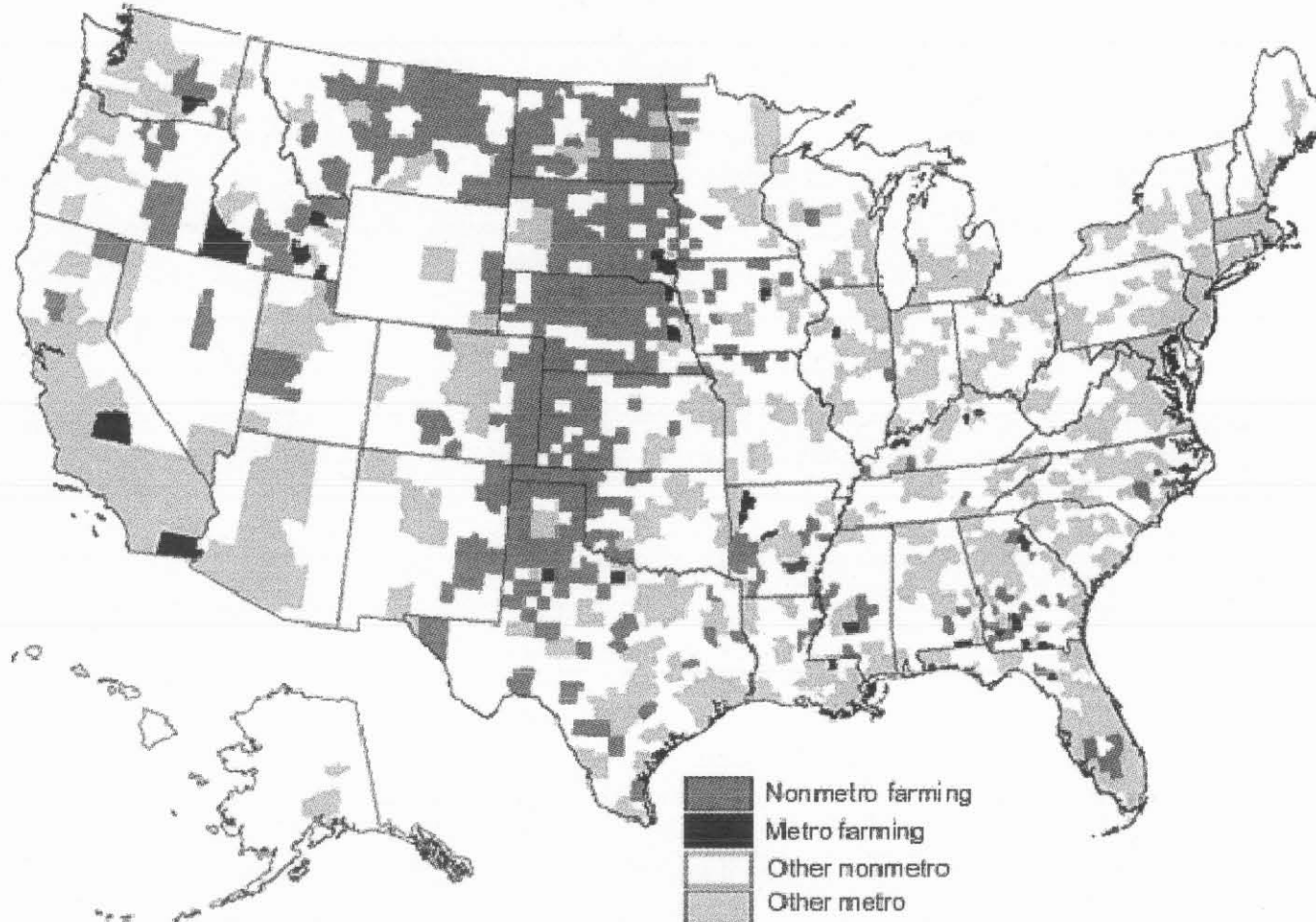
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Farming-dependent Counties, 1998-2000



Farming-dependent counties—either an annual average of 15 percent or more total county earnings derived from farming during 1998-2000 or 15 percent or more of employed residents working in farm occupations in 2000.

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA.